REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to drawn to a receptor for human parvovirus B19; and

Group II, claims 11-14, drawn to a method for producing a cell that expresses a receptor for human parvovirus B19.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is no undue burden placed upon the Examiner to search and consider claims 1-14 in their entirety. However, in order to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1-10. This is an election with traverse.

Moreover, Applicants point out that upon indication of allowable subject for the claims of Group I, the Examiner must rejoin any method of using claims (for instance claims 11-14), which includes all of the limitations of the allowable product claim.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact

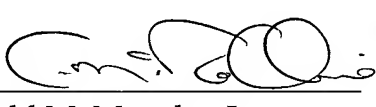Craig M. McRobbie (Reg. No. 42,874) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

☐   Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

☐   Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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